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SUBJ: UNRWA PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL
US CONTRIBUTION

REF: A. STATE 139535 NOTAL; B. BEIRUT 7418; C. GENEVA 4193 NOTAL

SUMMARY: DEP COMGEN MCELHINEY, AFTER TELEGRAPHIC CONSULTATION
WITH COMGEN RENNIE IN GENEVA, HAS PROVIDED US WITH PROPOSED
LANGUAGE CHANGES IN AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL US CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA.
END SUMMARY.

1. MCELHINEY PROVIDED EMBASSY JUL 4 WITH FOLLOWING
PROPOSED CHANGES KEYED TO TEXT OF AGREEMENT CONTAINED REFTELA:

A) SECOND PARA PREAMBEL: CHANGE TO QUOTE WHEREAS, UNRWA...
IS IN A POSITION EFFICIENTLY TO ADMINISTER (VICE PROVIDE)
SUCH SERVICES IN THE MIDDLE EAST END QUOTE.

B) THIRD PARA PREAMBLE: CHANGE TO QUOTE WHEREAS,
UNRWA HAS INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ADMINISTER (VICE PERFORM)
THE REQUIRED SERVICES END QUOTE.

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C) FOURTH PARA PREAMBLE: CHANGE TO QUOTE WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEEMS IT DESIRABLE TO ASSIST UNRWA TO ADMINISTER (VICE PERFORM) THE SERVICES END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING TEXT IS SUBMITTED FOR INSERTION AT CONCLUSION ARTICLE II, PARA A AS DESCRIPTION OF TERMINATED PROGRAM: QUOTE: THE FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE, DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 TO DECEMBER 31, 1974, ALL DIRECT RECURRING COSTS AND AN APPROPRIATE SHARE OF UNRWA'S COMMON COSTS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN, WHICH OTHERWISE COULD NOT BE MET BY UNRWA END QUOTE.

3. ART II, PARA C BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE UNRWA MAY ALLOCATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THIS SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND WILL SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IT FROM OTHER SOURCES END QUOTE.

4. ART IV, PARA C: CHANGE QUOTE EMERGENCY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM END QUOTE TO READ QUOTE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: CHANGES UNDER PARA 1 ABOVE SUGGESTED IN VIEW FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH UNRWA ADMINISTERS EDUCATION PROGRAM, UNESCO ACTUALLY PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. PROPOSED ALTERATION UNDER PARA 3 ABOVE EXPLAINED BY MCELHINEY BY DESIRE UNRWA LEADERSHIP NOT RPT NOT TO OFFEND SENSIBILITIES OF ARAB HOST GOVTS AND OTHERS BY APPEARING TO ABDICATE TO US OR ANY OTHER GOVT UNRWA'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLICITATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS. WE UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, ARRANGEMENTS NOW IN TRAIN WITH SWEDISH GOVT FOR PLACING AT LEAST PORTION OF SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION IN EMERGENCY FUND TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. DELETION OF REFERENCE TO USG ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FINANCING, DOES NOT INDICATE USG AID THIS REGARD UNWELCOME OR COULD NOT PROCEED WITHOUT EXPLICIT REFERENCE IN THIS DOCUMENT.

6. MCELHINEY REPORTS THAT RENNIE CLEARED DRAFT AGREEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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GENERALLY WITH DIRGEN. UNESCO IN GENEVA ON JUL 3. ONCE WE HAVE PREPARED AND TRANSMITTED DEPT'S REACTIONS TO PROPOSED UNRWA CHANGES, BELIEVE WE CAN SHOOT FOR JULY 9 SIGNING UPON RENNIE'S RETURN FROM LONDON. PLEASE CONFIRM PROCEDURE WE SHOULD FOLLOW IN DRAWING UP AND SIGNING AGREEMENT, INCLUDING NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED BY DEPT, ET. ASSUME THAT RENNIE WILL SIGN FOR UNRWA AND AMBASSADOR ON BEHALF USG. PLEASE ADVISE.

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